

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Councilmember Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter, Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Rosetta Cody, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Benny Gooze, Public Works Director; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Scott Robider, Code Enforcement Supervisor; and Chris Snider, IT Technician.

Presentation: Chief Ballard and Mayor Bethune recognized Police Officer Anthony Desarden as the Officer of the 3rd Quarter for the Garden City Police Department.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Mr. Jason Buelterman, Candidate for Chatham County Commission Chair gave his qualifications and asked for City Council's support in the 2020 election.

Ms. Ardis Wooed with Scenic Chatham an affiliate of Scenic America addressed City Council on the organization's goal to preserve and enhance Chatham County's visual environment.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing:

PC1923, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Mayor Bethune opened public hearing to receive public comment on an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of Garden City for the purpose of amending Paragraph 83 of Section 90-47(b) to permit business establishments selling building, heating, plumbing, electrical, and related supplies and materials, to operate in all mixed use zoning districts located within the City with the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Planning Director provided an overview of the zoning ordinance text amendment. He said the Planning Commission recommends approval of the zoning ordinance text amendment.

There being no questions or comments from the audience or City Council, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 7/15/19, workshop synopsis dated 7/22/19, and workshop synopsis dated 8/12/19.

Staff Reports:

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's report for the month of July.
IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's report for the month of July.
Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of July.
Planning Director presented the Planning Department's report for the month of July.
Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's report for the month of July.
Chief of Police presented the Police Department's report for the month of July.
Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's report for the month of July.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said I have no updates or announcements at this time.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, CVB Southern Roots & Music Fest: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to qualify the Southern Roots & Music Fest for the exception under Garden City Code Section 6-4(c) to the prohibition of possessing alcoholic beverages on City property, and for the exception under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to the prohibition of firework displays on public properties.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GCFD AEDs Proposal: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to accept the proposal of Forever Young AEDS to sell to the City four (4) AEDS and four (4) pediatric pads for a total price of \$6,080.00, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase contract for the AEDS.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, 2020-2025 SPLOST VII Cycle Intergovernmental Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council to accept the intergovernmental agreement proposed by Chatham County for the extension of SPLOST for six years, starting in 2020.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, 2020 Census Chatham County Complete Count Committee: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council in support of the 2020 U.S. Census Community Action Plan of Chatham County and to participate in the plan implementation at a cost to the City of \$2,313.50.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Federal Aviation Administration Lease Renewal: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to renew the lease between the Federal Aviation Administration and Garden City, Georgia, for a 400-square foot parcel on Big Hill Road in Garden City for use as a tower site to operate a Low Level Windshear Alert System.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GCPD Records Management System Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City of Garden City to authorize a license agreement with Synergistic Software, Inc., (SSI) to purchase public safety software for the Garden City Police Department.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Herty Advanced Materials Development Center Sewer Agreement: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute, on the behalf of the City, an agreement with Herty Advanced Materials Development Center (AMDC) setting forth the terms and conditions for the City's receipt, treatment, and disposal of Herty AMDC's pre-treated waste materials.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, City Hall A/C Unit Replacement Bid Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to accept the low bid of Coastal Air Technologies, Inc., for the purchase and installation of an air handler unit to replace the City's current inoperable unit located at City Hall for the price of \$72,450.00; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase contract.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Isolation Valve Installation Bid Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute, on the behalf of the City, a contract with D&R Utility Construction for the purchase and installation of three (3) specialized 6-inch "Inserta Valves" and (1) specialized 10-inch "Inserta Valve" for the price of \$24,980.40, with the provision set forth therein to address any legitimate change orders or work plan modifications which may arise due to unforeseen/unanticipated field conditions.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Water Pollution Control Plant Headworks Improvements: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City to engage the services of Brennan Jones Engineering Associates for the provisions of engineering services in connection with the replacing of the existing drum screen headworks equipment at the City's Water Pollution Control Plant; and to authorize the City Manager to execute a work order for such services.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Third Street/Highway 80 Pump Station Upgrade: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City to engage the services of Brennan Jones Engineering Associates for the provision of engineering services in connection with the upgrade of the City's Third Street/Highway 80 pump station equipment; and to authorize the City Manager to execute a work order for such services.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 9/16/19